GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT CHENNAI
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have accorded the clearance to the New International Airport project at Chennai;

(b) if not, the reasons for delay in this regard;

(c) whether the international passenger traffic at Anna International Airport registered a growth of 14.11 per cent as compared to the all India growth of 6.43 per cent; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government for speedy clearance of the above project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) & (b) :- The State Government has been informed that Government has decided to restructure selectedairports of Airports Authority of India as world class airports on long term lease basis. At present, airports at four metropolises including Chennai are being taken up for this exercise. The long term leasing of airports including Chennai is in an advanced stage of implementation. The lessees would be required to upgrade the airports to international standards. Any independent major expansion project, at this juncture, will create complications and may jeopardise the whole leasing exercise, ultimately affecting the efforts to make the existing airport at Chennai a world class airport.

(c) :- The present long term traffic growth rate at Chennai is 8.6 percent per annum for international traffic.

(d) :- Does not arise.